Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letters of April 7, July 14, and September 2, 1969.

We have carefully reviewed and considered the points outlined in your letters concerning the "memorandum of transfer." We must affirm our previous advice to you that the memorandum is not the property of the United States but belongs to the Kennedy family. In these circumstances, we are not authorized to make the memorandum available or to provide copies of it.

I believe that you have copies of (1) the letter agreement of the General Services Administration with the Kennedy family relating in part to the autopsy X-rays and photographs of President Kennedy and (2) the Report of the 1968 Panel Review of Photographs, X-ray Films, Documents, and Other Evidence Pertaining to the Fatal Wounding of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963, in Dallas, Texas. I do not feel that we should furnish any information concerning the autopsy X-rays and photographs beyond that which is available in those two documents. To furnish such information might tend to encourage the morbid curiosity concerning the autopsy materials which the terms of the letter agreement were partly intended to prevent.

Do this in the file?

A copy of this letter and copies of your letters have been sent to Mr. Burke Marshall.

Sincerely,

JAMES B. RHOADS
Archivist of the United States

CC: Mr. Burke Marshall
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